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EXTREME CARNAGE

PART 2 OF 8

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SCREAM

YEARS AGO, THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE CALLED VENOM WAS FORCED TO SPAWN FIVE OFFPSRING. CALLED THE **LIFE FOUNDATION SYMBIOTES,** EACH IS IMBUED WITH A UNIQUE AND DISTINCT ABILITY AND COLOR. THE YELLOW-AND-RED SYMBIOTE WITH THE KILLER HAIR IS CALLED **SCREAM!** AFTER A TROUBLED AND VIOLENT PAST, THE SCREAM SYMBIOTE RECENTLY FOUND A RECEPTIVE HOST IN ANDI BENTON, WHO HAS A HISTORY WITH SYMBIOTES ALL HER OWN. AFTER BEING TARGETED DURING CARNAGE'S LAST CAMPAIGN, ANDI AND SCREAM HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THE CITY SAFE...

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"DO NOT GO GENTLE INTO THAT GOOD NIGHT... RAGE, RAGE AGAINST THE DYING OF THE LIGHT."

ALCHEMAX

ALCHEMAX IS A DANGEROUS PLACE. AN EVIL PLACE.

TOO MANY MONSTROSITIES ARE MADE THERE.

BY MEN.

MAN-MADE MONSTERS, YES. THE WORST BY FAR.

ALERT! SPECIMEN FREE FROM CONTAINMENT.

WHAT THE...?

THIRD ONE THIS MONTH...

BUT SOME...

ALERT! THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

CRRRSH

...ARE BORN OUT OF NIGHTMARES.

SOMETIMES THOSE NIGHTMARES WANT OUT.

TO BE FREE.

FREE TO INFECT THE DREAMS OF THE INNOCENT.

SNAP!

HEY-- DOPPELGANGER! UP HERE!

GOING SOMEWHERE?

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY...

YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND *DEMAGOBLIN*, WOULD YA?

MY NAME IS *ANDI BENTON*, AND I'VE KNOWN JERKS LIKE THIS MY WHOLE LIFE.

KEEP YOUR HANDS... UH, *ALL* YOUR HANDS...TO YOURSELF.

RRAAAAWR!

STOP TEASING IT, ANDI. YOU'RE ONLY AGGRAVATING IT.

ALL BRAWN, NO BRAINS.

HSSSS!

THEY THINK THEY CAN WALK ALL OVER YOU.

UNTIL YOU DIG IN...

...AND *BITE* BACK.

SYMBIOTE ENCOUNTERED! LOCK ONTO MY SUIT'S LOCATION AND GET ME BACKUP!

BUT *DOPPELGANGER* IS NOTHING NEW.

THE *GUARDSMEN*, ON THE OTHER HAND...

EVERYWHERE NOW. HUNTING FOR MEEE...

HUNTING FOR *US*.

BUT WHAT IF IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND?

WHAT IF...

...WE HUNTED THEM?

TELL USSS... WHY ARE YOU HUNTING US? OUR KIND?

I D-DON'T KNOW! OUR ORDERS WERE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY NONHUMAN ACTIVITY.

TH-THAT'S ALL YOU'RE GETTING OUT OF ME.

WON'T TALK? HAVE IT YOUR WAY. THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT...

LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND HIDING IN HERE.

OH GOD OH GOD OH GOD OH--

thrum thrum thrum thrum thrum thrum

SSSHKKKKKKKRRR

thrumthrum thrum thrum thrum th

DO YOU NOT HEAR THAT?

NO...

SALE

...BUT I CAN FEEL IT.

MAKING ME DIZZY.

WHERE'S IT COMING FROM?

THERE. CAN YOU HEAR IT?

20% OFF! *

rrum thrum thrum thrum thrum thru

CAN YOU HEAR IT?! CALLING TO USSS...

OUR WORLD SHOULD FEEL SAFE ONCE AGAIN. PROTECTED FROM THIS SCOURGE.

SENATOR KRANE'S CALLING YOU? NEVER PINNED YOU FOR POLITICS.

SOMETHING OTHER. WE CAN HEAR IT.

WE CAN HEAR IT.

UH. WHAT'RE YOU--?

CAN'T SSSTOP OURSELVES. MUST FOLLOW...

...FAMILY.

SKULL'S POUNDING. FEELS LIKE A MIGRAINE MOUNTING.

thrum thrum

WHY CAN'T I THINK STRAIGHT?

HONK HONK

WE'VE GOT TO GET OURSELVES TOGETH--

SSSSSSkrreeeeeeeech

KRAK

thrum thrum thrum

...TIME-OUT. AT LEAST DOWN HERE WE'LL BE SAFE...FROM OURSELVES.

CAN'T DO THIS TO USSS!

SPLAAASH

DON'T MAKE US DO THIS.

DO WHAT? WHAT THE HELL'S COME OVER YOU?

YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT THIS. RESIST. YOU'RE STRONGER THAN IT, WHATEVER THIS IS.

...SCREAM?

thrum thrum thrum

YOU'RE RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU TO BE.

IN YOUR HEAD. WITH AAAAAAAAALL YOUR SQUIGGLY LI'L THOUGHTS.

CARNAGE?!

HOW? *HOW* DID YOU...?

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? WHAT HAPPENS TO A KINGDOM WHEN YOU DEPOSE THE KING. *KNULL* USED TO RULE THIS PLACE. AND NOW BROCK THINKS *HE* DOES.

BUT I WAS HERE *FIRST.* MADE IT MY HOME WHILE I WAS WAITING FOR THE STORM TO BLOW OVER.

SEE, BROCK THOUGHT HE'D PUT ME DOWN. LIKE A *DOG.* BUT IN YOUR GUTS, I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW THE TRUTH. SAY IT WITH ME:

...CARNAGE NEVER DIES!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!

SCREAM. *PLEASE.* I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. I BARELY SURVIVED OUR LAST SCRAP WITH CARNAGE. I NEED HELP. I NEED--

YOU NEED TO SAVE YOUR BREATH.

SCREAM. CAN'T HEAR YOU ANYMORE, HON.

NOW, YOU JUST BE A GOOD GIRL AND SIT IN THE CORNER WHILE I CHAT WITH MY LI'L SISTER.

LOOK AT YOU TWO. SLAVES TO EACH OTHER. SO CODEPENDENT. MAKES ME *SICK.*

SCREAM-- WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? DON'T--

SHH.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

POOR LI'L SIS. YOU 'N' OUR SYMBIOTIC SIBLINGS WERE FORCED INTO THIS EXISTENCE. *THIS LIFE WAS NEVER YOUR CALL...*

BUT *DON'T WORRY,* SIS. BIG BROTHER IS PLANNING A *FAMILY REUNION* AND YOU'RE THE *FIRST GUEST.*

MMPH-MMMPH-MMMMMMMMPH!

I NEED *YOU,* HONEY CHILD. I NEED YOU TO...

...SCREAM FOR ME.

WHADDYA SAY, SIS? HOW 'BOUT YOU AND ME HAVE OURSELVES A LI'L FUN?

I WANNA CUT SOMETHING UP AND SEE WHAT SPILLS OU--

SYMBIOTIC PRESENCE DETECTED. TAKING OFFENSIVE MANEUVERS.

ALL THESE MOSQUITOS FLITTIN' ABOUT

GOT TO SWAT 'EM AWAY

PUCKER UP, BUTTERCUP.

KRRRRSS

SSSPPPLCH

SSSSHHH

BODWAP- BODWAP- BODWAP-

RRAAARGH!

SSSPPPLCH

YOU WANNA DANCE NOW TOO?

POK

POK

POK

THERE'S PLENTY OF ME TO GO AROUND, HON.

BUT I'M NOT JUST LOOKING FOR A ONE-NIGHT STAND, YOU HEAR?

CRSSSH

UUUUULP...

I WANNA GET TO KNOW THE REAL YOU. SEE YOU FOR WHAT'S INSIDE.

SCREAM. PLEASE. YOU HAVE TO FIGHT THIS.

YOU'RE KILLING PEOPLE!

NO.

NO?! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU? THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU... YOU'RE ACTING LIKE AN ADDICT.

FEEL HIS CALL. HIS PULL. UNDENIABLE. OUR FAMILY IS REACHING OUT FOR USSSS.

FOR ME.

THIS IS NOT HOW YOU TREAT FAMILY.

YOUR REAL FAMILY.

THAT'S RIGHT, SIS. KEEP SQUEEZING. DON'T LET YOUR HOST GET THE BETTER OF YOU.

YOU'RE CHOOSING HIM? OVER ME?

FAMILY, ANDI. HE'S OUR ONE, TRUE FAMILY. WE SEE THAT NOW. FEEBEL IT.

YOU... YOU'RE SUFFOCATING ME

SCREAM, I'M BEGGING YOU. PLEASE--

STOP!

NOW.

SCCREEE!!!

I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, BUT YOU'RE LEAVING ME NO CHOICE...

WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING? YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO YOUR SYMBIOTE--

MY HELLFIRE'S ALWAYS BEEN MORE POWERFUL.

IT WAS **ME** WHO ALLOWED SCREAM TO STAY BONDED AND NOT GET BURNED.

YOU AREN'T INVULNERABLE TO THE FIRE, SCREAM...

I MADE SURE YOU DIDN'T GET HURT. I PROTECTED **YOU** FROM **MYSELF**. MY **RAGE**.

BUT I CAN'T PROTECT YOU ANY LONGER.

SCREEEEAM!

GAAASP...

WE... SUPPORTED EACH OTHER... PROTECTED EACH OTHER...

I THOUGHT WE WOULD STAY TOGETHER FOREVER...

HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO *ME?*

SEE HOW QUICK YOUR HOST TURNS ON YOU?

YOU TWO WERE NEVER GONNA WORK OUT.

NOW... HURT HER BEFORE SHE HURTS YOU.

YOUR PAIN WAS OUR PAIN. NOW YOU *HURT* USSS?

CARNAGE IS RIGHT. YOU *ARE* HOLDING US BACK

...MAKING US WEAK

SSTOP... PLEEEASE... CAN'T...

BREATHE!

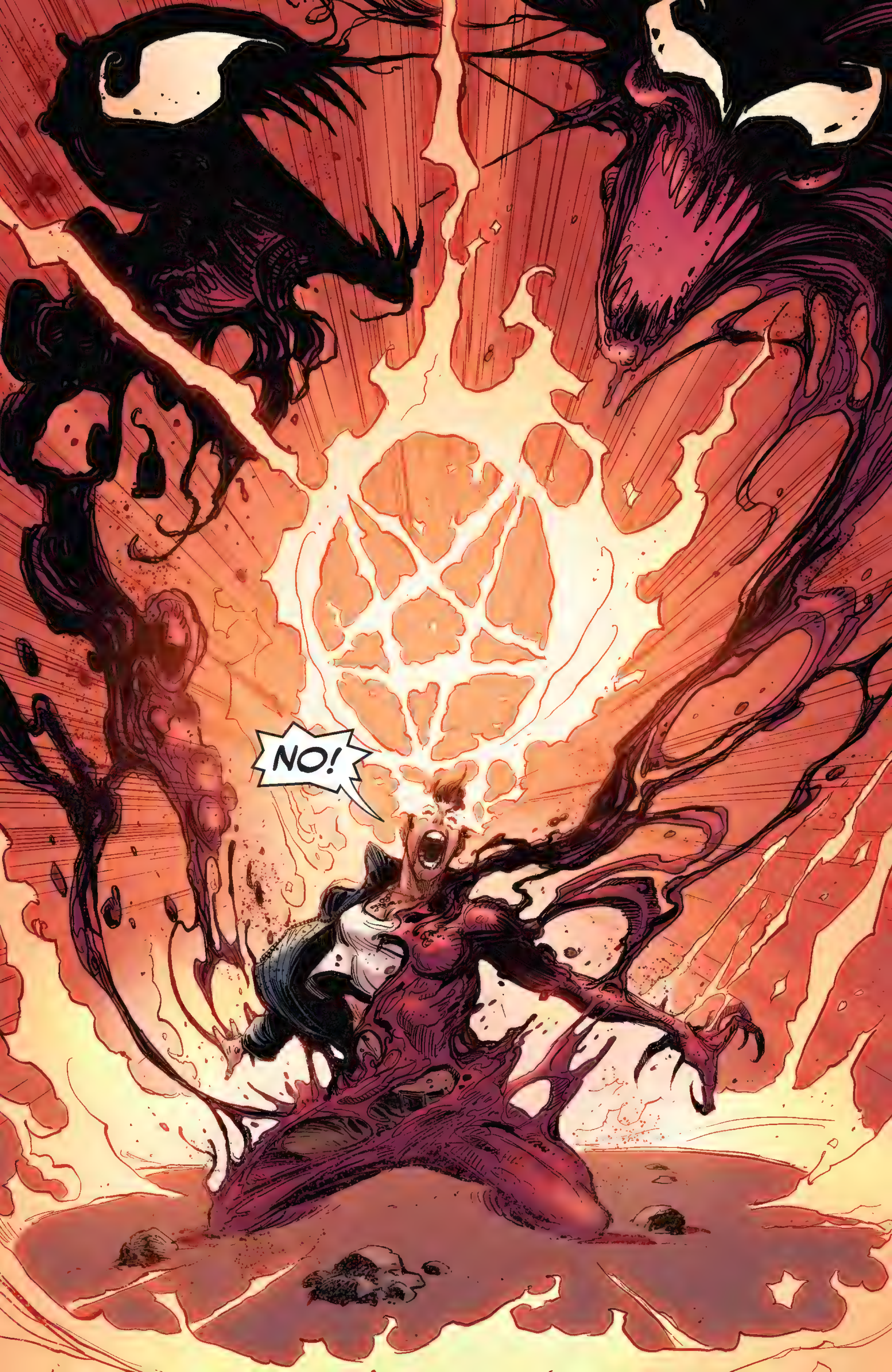
SCREAM, I'M...=COUGH-COUGH=... SORRY.

I DIDN'T MEAN...DON'T WANT TO...

...HURT YOU...

LIAR

YOU LIE TO US FEED US LIES MAKE US BELIEVE YOUR LIES BUT NO MORE


NO!

...SCREAM? ARE YOU...?

NO...

OH... OH GOD... NO...

PLEASE...

PLEASE NO... PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEEEEEEASE...

PLEEEEASE NO... PLEEEEASE...

NOOOOOOOO...

WHAT DID...

WHAT DID I DO...?

I...I CAN'T HEAR YOU ANYMORE.

CITIZEN--

--SURRENDER THE REMNANTS OF THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL AND COME WITH US.

IT IS FOR YOUR OWN SAF--

DON'T...

...TOUCH US!

DON'T COME NEAR US.

LEAVE US ALONE.

JUST... JUST LEAVE...

...LEAVE ME...

...ALONE.

SCREAM...

I'M SORRY.

NEXT: PHAGE!

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SAY IT AIN'T SO, SCREAM!!!

Hello, readers, and thank you for joining us for the second scintillating installment of EXTREME CARNAGE!

I WARNED YOU! Remember last issue? I TOLD you no symbiote was safe! BUT YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, DID YOU?! You thought it was all BLUSTER! "Oh," you said to yourself, "it's a comics story—that letter column full of guff about symbiotes dying is probably just some fancy talk from the symbiote editor, trying to get me shakin' in my boots at the idea that one of the symbiotes in the Marvel U could bite the dust in a story called EXTREME CARNAGE."

Well, now Scream is DEAD, and I bet you feel SILLY!

Or at least a little bummed!

If it makes you feel any better, nobody is more bummed than I am! As longtime VENOM readers know, Scream is my FAVORITE symbiote, and it has been a real treat to see the enthusiasm for the character from you readers out there in Mighty Marveldom grow over the past couple of years!

Leave it to scribe Clay McLeod Chapman (and the entire team of writers behind EXTREME CARNAGE) to craft a story where it felt RIGHT to put Andi and her symbiotic "other" through the ringer—and even go so far as to drive them apart.

Such is the power of CARNAGE! He's the Marvel Universe's most notorious serial killer for a reason—and he is definitely UP TO SOMETHING! But WHAT?! And what do the Life Foundation symbiotes have to do with it? AND WHAT WILL OUR HEROES DO, NOW THAT ANDI IS CAPTURED AND WITHOUT A SYMBIOTE?!

The only way to find out is to KEEP READING! So tell your local comic shop that you want the best, and the best is EXTREME CARNAGE!

And in the meantime, HAVE HEART, READERS! We are merely TWO chapters into this EIGHT-chapter saga, and while I won't go so far as to promise you that the Scream symbiote will undergo some sort of miraculous comic book resurrection, I WILL say that writer Clay McLeod Chapman, artist Chris Mooneyham, colorist Marcio Menyz and letterer Travis Lanham certainly have a few tricks up their sleeves, and I don't think you're going to see any of them coming!

EXTREME CARNAGE: ALPHA just went on sale last week, so, sadly, we don't have any letters for you just yet—but that doesn't mean we don't want to hear from you! Questions? Comments? How are we doing? Let us know by sending your fan mail via email to SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM! Be sure to mark your note "OKAY TO PRINT," and it might see publication in a future installment of this very column!

In the meantime, watch out! Another EXTREME issue is right around the corner, and now you know I wasn't bluffing...

Stay sharp!
Devin
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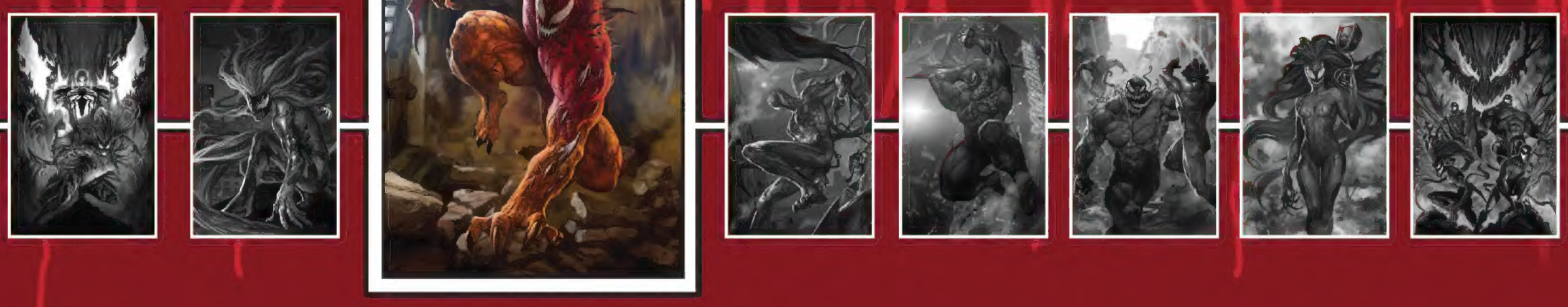

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